



### NABC St. Louis Report

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#### District 21 Players Have Several Top Finishes at the St. Louis NABC

Over 2600 players attended the Spring NABC in St. Louis in late February/early March. Our District was well represented with several big wins.



#### Jacoby Open Swiss Teams

Bill Bailey's team won the Jacoby Swiss, with Mike Rippey's team taking second. This is a very impressive one/two for Bay Area players in a national event. This is Bill's first NABC title. What a great finish by both teams!



Winners of the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams: Roger Lee, Alon Birman, captain Bill Bailey, Dror Padon, Daniel Korbel and Joshua Donn.



First place in the Women's Swiss Teams: Hjordis Eythorsdottir, team captain Arti Bhargava, Lotte de Wijs and Sarah de Wijs

#### Women's Swiss Teams

Arti Bhargava and her team brought home a top medal in the Women's Swiss. The team had qualified in first place after the first day and stayed on top. This is Arti's second national championship having previously won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs in 2025. This win occurred on the same day Arti's life partner, Bill Bailey's, team won a national title, the Jacoby Swiss. The couple had a lot to celebrate!

#### 0-3000 Pairs

In the two day 0-3000 Pairs, Charles Riffe and Douglas Grant won top honors. This pair have been partners for over 60 years since meeting in college. This is their third limited national title.

#### North American Pairs

District 21 North America Pairs players won the top two categories against players from other Districts. As background, NAP players in the District must qualify at a club game to play at the District level. Winners from our District then compete at the spring NABC against winners from the other Districts. You can read more about the NAPs in Jim Coke's, D21's NAP Coordinator, article in this newsletter.



Winners of the NABC 0-3000 Pairs: Chuck Riffe and Doug Grant



### North American Pairs Championship Flight

This is the first NABC win for NAP Championship Flight winners, Brent Xiao and Bo Han Zhu. The pair have both represented the United States at world junior tournaments. Both players are frequent top finishers at events in the District.



Winners of the North American Pairs Championship Flight, Brent Xiao and Bo Han Zhu



Winners of the North American Flight A, Chris Chung and Sriram Ganesan

### Jan Martel North American Pairs Flight A

This newly created NAP game is restricted to players with less than 6000 masterpoints. This is their first limited national title for winners Chris Chung and Sriram Ganesan.

It was fitting this inaugural Flight A was won by a District 21 pair, as its namesake, Jan Martel, is a well-known long time D21 player.

### Top Five Finishers in Major St. Louis Events

- **Vanderbilt Knockout Teams:** (2) Chip Martel
- **Jacoby Open Swiss:** (1) William Bailey; (2) Mike Rippey
- **Women's Open Swiss:** (1) Arti Bhargav
- **Lebhar IMP Pairs:** (3) Xin Ge; (4) Cadir Lee and Debbie Rosenberg
- **Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs:** (2) Peter Friedland; (6) Mukund Thapa
- **North American Championship Flight:** (1) Brent Xiao and Bo Han Zhu
- **Jan Martel North American Pairs Flight A:** (1) Chris Chung and Sriram Ganesan
- **NABC+ Open Pairs:** (3) Mike Rippey
- **10K Knockout Teams:** (2) Maris Zilant
- **0-3000 Pairs:** (1) Charles Rifle and Douglas Grant; (5) Mark Marty and Bonnie McBridge



**District's Top 10 Masterpoint Winners, All Bringing Home Over 100 Masterpoints**

- 1 180.00 Chip Martel, Davis CA
- 2 178.26 Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA
- 3 171.08 Brent Xiao, Fremont CA
- 4 141.49 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA
- 5 126.41 Xin Ge, Cupertino CA
- 6 113.33 Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA
- 7 110.69 Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA
- 8 106.48 Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA
- 9 106.48 Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA
- 10 103.62 Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA

Congratulations to all with top finishes in games at the St. Louis NABC.

I want to thank ACBL for the photos and some of the information on the winners.

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